6th July A PROCLAMATION AGAINST INORDINATE APPAREL

The great inconveniences that grow and daily increase in the realm by the ordmate excess in apparel have again caused her Majesty to make strait proclamation that the laws be duly executed In this present tune of difficulty the decay and lack of hospitality appears in the better sort in all counties, princi-paEy occasioned by the immeasurable charges and expenses which they are put to in superfluous apparelling their wives, children, and families > the confusion also of degrees in all places being great where the meanest are as richly apparelled as their betters, and the pnde such inferior persons take in their garments, driving many for their maintenance to robbing and stealing by the highway It is now laid down very exactly what stuffs may be worn by gentlemen and ladies in their several degrees.

SOLDIERS FOR PICARDY.

Seven hundred soldiers are to be sent as a supply for the forces in Picardy, to be gathered from the soldiers that were levied to serve in the voyage of the Earl of Essex but are now to be returned because that so many offer themselves voluntarily The Lord Mayor is to make a pnvy search and to prest so many of the soldiers as he shall find new returned and such like vagrant persons of able body.

7*i *July* DELONEY*S [c] JA.CK OF NEWBURY *

There is a book called *The pleasant history of John Winfhcomb in bis younger years called Jack of Newbury*, the famous and worthy clothier of Engknd that lived in the days of King Henry the Eighth, written by Deloney and dedicated to all famous doth-workers of Engknd Herein is shown how

Jack of Newbury was married to the widow of his master, and how she served him, how having become a man of great wealth after his dame's death he married one of his own servants , how he served King Henry, and how a draper in London that owed Vnm money became bankrout, whom Jack found carrying a porter's basket, and set him up again so that he afterwards became an alderman of London